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In faith whereof the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the present convention and have affixed their seals thereto.

Done, in duplicate, at St. Petersburg, February 28, 1913.

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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION FIVE OF "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPENING, MAINTENANCE, PROTECTION, AND OPERATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL AND THE SANITATION AND GOVERNMENT OF THE CANAL ZONE," APPROVED AUGUST TWENTY-FOURTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWELVE[1]

[*Approved, June 15, 1914*]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second sentence in section five of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the opening, maintenance, protection, and operation of the Panama Canal, and the sanitation and government of the Canal Zone," approved August twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and twelve, which reads as follows: "No tolls shall be levied upon vessels engaged in the coastwise trade of the United States," be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Sec. 2. That the third sentence of the third paragraph of said section of said Act be so amended as to read as follows: "When based upon net registered tonnage for ships of commerce the tolls shall not exceed $1.25 per net registered ton, nor be less than 75 cents per net registered ton, subject, however, to the provisions of article nineteen of the convention between the United States and the Republic of Panama, entered

[1] Public—No. 113—63d Congress.

into November eighteenth, nineteen hundred and three:" *Provided*, That the passage of this Act shall not be construed or held as a waiver or relinquishment of any right the United States may have under the treaty with Great Britain, ratified the twenty-first of February, nineteen hundred and two, or the treaty with the Republic of Panama, ratified February twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and four, or otherwise, to discriminate in favor of its vessels by exempting the vessels of the United States or its citizens from the payment of tolls for passage through said canal, or as in any way waiving, impairing, or affecting any right of the United States under said treaties, or otherwise, with respect to the sovereignty over or the ownership, control, and management of said canal and the regulation of the conditions or charges of traffic through the same.